Utah Antidiscrimination and Labor Advisory Council Meeting Minutes May 6, 2010 12:05 pm to 1:00 pm Room 319

In attendance:

Sherrie Hayashi, Commissioner
Heather Gunnarson, UALD Division Director
Brent Asay, Wage Claim Unit Manager
Alan Hennebold, General Counsel/ Deputy Commissioner
Sara Danielson, Council Secretary
Monica Austen-Smith, Employment Discrimination Case Manager
Dan Singer, Fair Housing Case Manager
Keith Nielson, Landlord Representative
Monica Whalen, Employer Representative
Rick Thaler, General Public Representative
Robert Wilde, Employee Representative
Antonella Packard, General Public Representative
Sylvia Castro, Office of Ethnic Affairs

Council Members Excused:

John Chindlund, Employer Representative Marty Blaustein, Tenant Representative

Not in attendance:

John Salazar Sr., Employee Representative Lisa Fine, Tenant Representative Paul Smith, Landlord Representative Tony Montano, Employee Representative Bev Uipi, General Public Representative Ralph Chamness, General Public Representative

Commissioner Sherrie Hayashi called the council meeting to order at 12:05 pm. She indicated that a quorum was not present.

Discussion Issue:

What should be done with the Council – Should it remain as it is currently?

Sherrie stated that there has been a quorum only three times in the last six years. She asked for comments and/or suggestions to make the council work better. Comments and discussion were had. The following suggestions were made:

- 1. Remove the requirement to meet quarterly from the statute and then hold meetings on an as needed basis. Possibly establish rules as to how often the meetings should be held.
- 2. Determine if there is a "quorum" requirement if there is; remove it, if there is not; leave things as they are and move forward.
- 3. Implement conference call meetings.
- 4. Separate Fair Housing from Employment issues.
- 5. Set up a mechanism to remove members who do not attend meetings.
- 6. Obtain more participation from other areas of the state, not just the Wasatch Front.
- 7. Hold informational public meetings. Cast a wider net for interested parties to the issues on the agendas.

Sherrie stated that the Commission will look into the "quorum" requirement, and then draft either a Statute Change or Rules to implement the suggestions presented. When drafts are ready, the Commission will send them to the Council for comment.

Sherrie adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.